



ELMHURST MODEL RAILROAD CLUB NEWSLETTER

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THE ELMHURST MODEL RAILROAD CLUB 111 E. 1st ST ELMHURST IL 60126 331-322-8383 WWW.EMRRC.NET

CLUB HOURS OF OPERATION:

Sunday: 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm. **Open House** is 1:00 – 4:00.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Friday night is **Open House**.

Saturday: 3:00 pm – 10:00pm.

Tuesday is work night, there is no operation that night.

THROTTLE DEPOSIT. LET'S CLEAR THIS UP FOR THE LAST TIME (AGAIN AND AGAIN).

On page 6 of the "Layout Operating Guidelines", which you all should have received, it states that "Members signing out a throttle must leave a **\$5.00 cash deposit** for the throttle with the dispatcher in charge". This is pretty cut and dry, we don't want FOID cards, drivers licenses or credit cards. There are several reasons that we do it this way. For starters it is meant to remind operators to return their throttle to the key monitor and not go home leaving it lying around. If the operator does not return it then the \$5.00 goes into the cookie jar. Secondly in an age of identity theft we do not want to be put in a position to be responsible for anything that may have the potential to lead to such a situation.

We do realize that things happen and on a rare occasion waiving this requirement may be in order however this is to be handled on a case-by-case basis by the key monitor in charge.

LAGRANGE NMRA SHOW. We could still use some bodies for the DuPage Division NMRA Show held in LaGrange on March 28th. If you're free and want to help out you can e-mail us at "emrrc@comcast.net" or there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the club.

COAT COLLECTION. We are amassing quite a collection of coats in the locker area. They need to go home with their respective owner's or we will find them a new home.

AND NOW SOME GOOD NEWS. The January swap was a hit. We actually sold out and Don Fisher had to order more tables to accommodate additional vendors.

SWAP MEET TOTALS FOR JANUARY 2026

Tables & Admissions	\$1,265.00
Club Sales	\$1,509.00
Concessions Donation	\$16.00
GROSS SALES	\$2,790.00
Lodge Rental	\$350.00
Table Rental	\$790.00
EXPENSES	(\$1,140.00)
NET	\$1,650.00



Our next swap will be on May 2nd. Stay tuned for some important news about the future swaps.

PROTO SESSIONS. Next up is March 19th then April 16th, May 21st and June 18th. After we take a few months off in the summer we start up again on September. If you are interested in being on the Proto Session notification list contact Ashley at: opsession2012@hotmail.com.

N SCALE NEWS. The N-Scale city scene is coming along although it doesn't look like much has been done. Val S. and Jim S. have spent the last few months figuring out supports and where to cut the top for lift out sections. The station and platforms are built and waiting for installation. That said, be aware that these structures are fragile and break easily. There should be no uncoupling of cars in the platform areas. If you want to leave cars in the station they should be uncoupled and coupled in the throat area. Many, many hours have been spent on the buildings, let's make sure they survive.



HEADS UP TO ALL MEMBERS BUT ESPECIALLY KEY MONITORS. Two very important points.

1. Our February electric bill was over \$650. If the room is not being used turn off the lights and anything else that might be on. Which brings us to the next point.
2. When the club is closed up for the night, **be certain that all space heaters or other heating generating devices are turned off, optimally unplugged.**

APPLICATION AND NEW MEMBER PROCESS (AGAIN). There appears to be some confusion as to the application process for new members. While this mostly applies to Key Monitors, other members may be put into this position so in a nutshell here's how it is supposed to be handled.

Be it on-line or on paper a prospective member **MUST** first fill out an application. If it's on paper then it can be deposited in the dues box otherwise the on-line applications are processed elsewhere. The applicant will receive a letter from the Board within a few weeks. This gives us time to make sure that the applicant is not carrying any baggage (so to speak) or if there are questions we can address them. It may seem strange but even in a quaint little hobby like ours there are some people of questionable reputations and we need to head them off.

They will be sent a letter giving them information. When the applicant comes down for training **then and only then are we to accept any form of payment for dues.** They are to be given a new member packet at this time. If we are out then leave a note and we'll get one to them.

HO SCALE NEWS. The DC cab bus project is moving right along. Sherron, Sean, and Ashley are wiring up the tails for the relay panels for each block along with sorting out what extra areas need to be tied in and how to do it.

Ron B. has been working in Block 9 refreshing scenery there along with also painting clouds on the N scale layout. Don B. has been installing ties and painting tracks in the steel mill. Ron B. also went ahead and scraped and repainted the area of the backdrop near Block 19 as it had extensive water staining and damage. We are keeping an eye on this area to see if we get anymore leaking.



Tim S. has completed installation of Plexiglass in front of the river scene at Shelbina, his next area will be at the quarry in block 16/18